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Plainfield councilman's alleged scuffle with officers still under investigation

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PLAINFIELD — A city councilman who alleges he was manhandled by police said Wednesday he still is awaiting the results of an internal investigation into the incident.

Councilman Albert Hendricks, who was handcuffed and pepper-sprayed Nov. 16 after city police stopped his 16-year-old son for riding a motorized scooter in the street, said officers have interviewed neighbors to ask what they saw that evening.

"I'm waiting for the findings of that investigation," he said. "To my understanding, they said they did go out and survey the area."

Hendricks has said Sgt. Michael Waldron stopped his son, Christopher, who was riding the scooter near the family's West Sixth Street home, and told the teen it is illegal to operate the vehicle in the street. When Hendricks attempted to ask Waldron about the traffic stop, he said, he was taken into custody with unnecessary force, first handcuffed and then pepper-sprayed.

The councilman has been charged with interfering and with obstructing and resisting arrest, which rarely carry a prison sentence.

Police Chief Edward Santiago confirmed police have spoken to potential witnesses but said no trial date has been set.

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"We're basically on hold until that takes place," he said, adding there probably would be a change of venue to send the proceedings to a neighboring municipality because of the community ties Waldron and Hendricks have.

Any decision on disciplinary action against Waldron or the other three officers who responded is dependent on the outcome of the trial, Santiago said.

"Unless it's something really, really heinous or criminal in nature, but in this case here, we do have statements from people, and we don't act on those statements ... until after what happens in court," he said.

Hendricks said the laws on motorized scooters remain unclear to him but pointed to a pending Assembly bill, A2602, that he said attempts to fine-tune regulations. The bill reads in part, "No person shall operate a motorized scooter or motorized skateboard upon any public street, highway or sidewalk."

However, at the time of the mid-November incident, Santiago offered a state Division of Motor Vehicles memo stating so-called "Go-Peds" do not meet the definition of a motorcycle under state law, and therefore are "restricted to use on private property, provided the owner of the property



An internal investigation of Councilman Albert Hendricks' arrest is still under way, he consented to such use.

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**BOYCOTT ALL WABC AND DISNEY PROGRAMMING AND PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FOR
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Furthermore, I am aware of the hundreds of positive letters in support of the show on file at the station. Even more importantly, I am aware that the letters of support for "Like It Is" with Gil Noble far out weigh the amount of viewer mail received for any other show produced at WABC-TV in New York, including your news programs. From the letters that you have on file, dating back to 2002, Gil Noble, bar none, is the station's most respected and popular journalist and on air personality. At least 95% of the viewer mail on file is for "Like It Is" which is a strong testament to the journalistic integrity of the show's host and the relevance of its programming. No other program produced by your station in New York generates 1/10th of the community enthusiasm that "Like It Is" does. Moreover, as producer of the show, Gil Noble has an illustrious 37 year track record, receiving numerous industry awards, including 7 emmys, over 650 community awards. Needless to say, if this were any other show, you would be heralding the success of its host/producer and lauding the show as one of ABC's flagship programs. Instead, you do everything to undermine the significance of the show.

Your mistreatment of "Like It Is" coupled with the WABC and Disney's dearth of programming diversity, especially when it comes to educational programming for people of color, underscores the racism and disdain that this network has for its diverse viewership, especially the African American community. Therefore since this station does not support the type of news and public affairs programs that matter to me, I am not supporting the news programs that matter to you all. Except for "Like It Is", I **AM BOYCOTTING ALL WABC-TV AND DISNEY PROGRAMMING AND PRODUCTS!** Hence I am glad to participate in this boycott, especially since I find your other news programs to be extremely biased in its reporting on issues pertaining to ethnic communities.

I remind you that we the people own these airwaves and that as a broadcaster you are mandated by the FCC to be responsive to the communities that you service in exchange for free use of the public airwaves. You have violated your mandate of public service to the African American community, as well as to other communities of color.

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